

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**May 31, 2022- 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 31, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson, Faye Hay, Crystal McQueen, Commissioners' Secretaries and Karla Bauman Auditor.

**OPEN:** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

**COVID Update:** Nanette Beres from the Franklin County Health Department gave a COVID update for the commissioners. In the past week there have been seven new cases, one hospitalization and zero deaths. She also reported that in the month of May 308 vaccines had been administered.

**Interlocal Agreement – Water Street Project (Oldenburg):** Commissioners reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Oldenburg for the construction of Water Street and Bridge 163. Both projects are federal aid projects administered by the Indiana Department of Transportation. **Motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Oldenburg for the construction of Water Street and Bridge 163 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Amy Lindsey, EMA Director:** Ms. Lindsey presented documentation for commissioners approval in the purchasing of equipment specified in the 2020 and 2021 SHSP Grants. The first agreement was between the County and Lohrum Systems and Security for cameras to be installed in all five schools. This agreement allows for fifty-percent (50%) of the equipment costs to be paid at the time of signing with the remainder being paid after it has been installed. This is the 2020 SHSP Grant. **Motion to approve the agreement with Lohrum Systems and Security for a fifty-percent (50%) down payment due upon the signing of this agreement by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.** Ms. Lindsey also discussed the agreement between the County and the Franklin County Schools wherein the school will be a sub-recipient under the SHSP grant. **Motion to sign the agreement with Franklin Community School Corporation as a sub-recipient under the SHSP grant by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

The third agreement is between the County and Midwest Data, Inc. for nimble storage devices. This is the 2021 SHSP grant. The County shall pay 50% down payment of \$50,549.00 to Midwest Data, Inc. upon the signing of this agreement with the balance payable upon installation being completed. **Motion to sign the agreement with MDI for the nimble storage systems by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**ARPA funds:** John Palmer came before commissioners to give an update on a proposed process for handling the ARPA funds and how the projects will be approved. All entities that receive a portion of the ARPA funds from the County shall be treated as a sub-recipient. The various vendors will submit their request for ARPA funds to Mr. Palmer. Mr. Palmer will then present the project to the commissioners at a public meeting. If the Commissioners approve the project, Mr. Palmer will then give a copy to the Auditor and Commissioner's attorney, Grant Reeves. After they have finished their review, Mr. Palmer will then present to Council for their approval. Mr. Palmer will then bring the application back to Commissioners for final approval and signatures. **Motion to set aside \$500,000.00 to \$750,000.00 for utility projects, gas lines, etc., by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.** Commissioner Linkel also wanted to update Mr. Palmer that they had received an updated estimate for

repairs to the roof on the government center for the flat area that will also be replaced. The estimated cost for that repair is \$18,875.00.

Commissioners also discussed the most recent discussions with Council at their meeting on low water crossings in the County. Council should only be approving the amount requested by Commissioners for expenditure and not be choosing which projects they will or won't be doing. Commissioner Linkel also wanted to remind the others that we have numerous bridges in Franklin County in which the proposed ladder truck for Brookville Fire Department would not be able to go over. The 16-ton and under signs to be installed at bridges must be up by August 31, 2022. We also have eleven bridges that need to be replaced now. Commissioners are looking for a contractor to install these signs and will decide what fund will be used to pay for the installation. Commissioners also discussed the new signage for the courthouse that will cost \$487.00. **Motion to approve the signage at the courthouse in the sum of \$487.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Minutes May 31, 2022: Motion to approve the May 31, 2022 minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Claims: Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$319,914.02 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

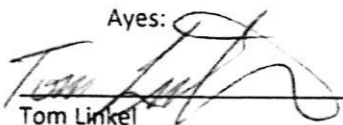
**Payroll and Payroll Deductions: Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

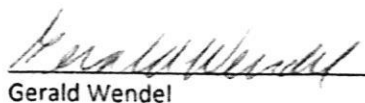
**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

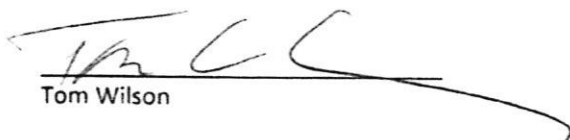
**Others in attendance:** Bridget Hayes, Neysa Raible, John Palmer, Peter Cates, John Heis. By zoom: Sara Duffy, Ruth Rowlett, Grant Reeves, Mildred Simmermeyer and Jolene Beneker.

Minutes approved June 14, 2022

Ayes:

  
Tom Linkel

  
Gerald Wendel

  
Tom Wilson

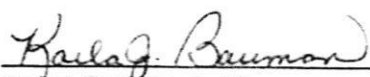
Nays:

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Tom Linkel

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Gerald Wendel

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Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY:

  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor